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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

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In response to the Office action mailed August 6, 2002, the time for response to which is extended to December 6, 2002, by the attached payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), please enter the following amendment(s):

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (amended) A method for labeling of individual cells comprising:
providing at least one target cell;
providing at least one metal particle coated with at least one dye;
propelling said coated particle toward said target cell to thereby cause said coated particle to contact said cell for a time sufficient to cause labeling of said target cell by release of said dye from said particle.
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